



# CITY COUNCIL

## AGENDA REQUEST

AGENDA OF:	MARCH 04, 2008	AGENDA REQUEST NO:	III B
INITIATED BY:	GLENDAGUNDERMANN, CITY SECRETARY	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:	CITY SECRETARY
PRESENTED BY:	GLENDAGUNDERMANN, CITY SECRETARY	DEPARTMENT HEAD:	GLENDAGUNDERMANN, CITY SECRETARY <i>GG</i>
		ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT HEAD (S):	N/A
SUBJECT / PROCEEDING:	ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION MAY 10, 2008 FIRST AND FINAL CONSIDERATION ORDINANCE NO. 1675		
EXHIBITS:	ORDINANCE NO. 1675		
CLEARANCES		APPROVAL	
LEGAL:	JOE MORRIS, CITY ATTORNEY <i>JOE MORRIS</i>	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:	N/A
PURCHASING:	N/A	ASST. CITY MANAGER:	N/A
BUDGET:	N/A	ACTING CITY MANAGER:	KAREN GLYNN <i>Kg</i>
BUDGET			
EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: \$		N/A	
CURRENT BUDGET: \$		N/A	
ADDITIONAL FUNDING: \$		N/A	
RECOMMENDED ACTION			
Approval on first and final consideration Ordinance No. 1675 ordering a general election to be held on May 10, 2008 to elect a mayor and at large council member for positions one and two, as required by City Charter.			

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to provisions of the Texas Election Code and the Charter of the City, Ordinance No. 1675 orders a general election to be held on the 10th day of May 2008 to elect a mayor and at large council member for positions one and two.

The County of Fort Bend is considering holding a bond election on this date and will be a participant on the joint election ballot. With the County on the ballot, it necessitates the use of all county wide polling locations for early voting and voting on election day. The dates and times for early voting by personal appearance will be as shown in the ordinance **except insofar as they may be changed by City Council by an amending ordinance should the County decide to not participate in the joint election.** Anticipated time frame for the County to make a final decision on the bond election is the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The ordinance establishes that the Interim Election Administrator of the County of Fort Bend shall act as the Contracting Officer for joint election services by and between the County of Fort Bend, Fort Bend Independent School District, City of Meadows Place and the City of Sugar Land. The ordinance establishes election-day polling locations, main and branch early voting locations, early voting by mail and provides the dates and times for early voting by personal appearance.

Under provisions of the election code, federal postcard applications that have been received by the Elections Administrator for the federal election, which include Sugar Land registered voters, that do not identify the election for which a ballot is requested shall be treated as a ballot request for each general election conducted by the early voting clerk; therefore, ballots for the May 10<sup>th</sup> election will be sent to Sugar Land registered voters who submitted a federal application.

Under provisions of the election code and the federal postcard application procedures the early voting ballot board will convene on May 16, 2008 to verify that all ballots cast have been counted in the election; subsequently the elections administrator will issue the official tabulation.

The final canvass of the election will be conducted at the regular scheduled City Council meeting on May 20, 2008. The oath of office for the elected officials will be on May 20, 2008. In the event of a runoff the runoff election will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2008.

Estimated cost for the general election is \$14,500.00 with the County's participation and without an estimated cost of \$19,200.00. The cost for runoff election will be provided following the official canvass of the election and the necessity for the runoff has been determined. The terms of the joint election services agreement automatically extends to runoff election.

The last day for candidate filing for a place on the ballot is 5:00 o'clock p.m., Monday, March 10, 2008.

A pre-clearance submission will be made to the U.S. Justice Department for changes to early voting and polling locations.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1675**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, CALLING AN ELECTION FOR SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2008, TO ELECT A MAYOR AND TWO AT LARGE COUNCILMEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING AND FOR NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ELECTION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** That under section 3.004 of the Election Code, it orders an election to be held on May 10, 2008, for the purpose of electing a mayor and two at-large council members Positions 1 and 2.

**Section 2.** The city voting precincts and polling places for the City of Sugar Land for this election are as follows:

- Location 1: The polling place will be at the Sugar Creek Country Club, 420 Sugar Creek Boulevard, and includes county voting precincts 3009.
- Location 2: The polling place will be at the Sugar Land Church of God, 1715 Eldridge Road, and includes county voting precincts 3020.
- Location 3: The polling place will be at Eldridge Park Conference Center, 2511 Eldridge Road, and includes county voting precinct 3035.
- Location 4: The polling place will be at the Barrington Place Homeowners Association, 13318 Rosstown Court, and includes county voting precinct 3053.
- Location 5: The polling place will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 702 Burney Road, and includes county voting precinct 4029 and 4105.
- Location 6: The polling place will be at Sugar Land Community Center, 226 Matlage Way, and includes county voting precincts 4042.
- Location 7: The polling place will be at Sugar Lakes Clubhouse, 930 Sugar Lakes Drive, and includes county voting precincts 4107.
- Location 8: The polling place will be at First Colony Church of Christ, 2140 First Colony Boulevard, and includes county voting precinct 4080.
- Location 9: The polling place will be at Lost Creek Park, 3703 Lost Creek Boulevard, and includes county voting precinct 4083.
- Location 10: The polling place will be at Highlands Elementary School, 2022 Colonist Park Drive, and includes county voting precinct 4046, 4109, and 4121.

- Location 11: The polling place will be at the Colony Bend Elementary, 2720 Planters Street, and includes county voting precincts 4011.
- Location 12: The polling place will be at the Colony Meadows Elementary, 4510 Sweetwater Boulevard, and includes county voting precincts 4047, and 4084.
- Location 13: The polling place will be at the Settlers Way Elementary, 3015 Settlers Way Boulevard, and includes county voting precincts 4064
- Location 14: The polling place will be at the Settlers Park Homeowners Association, 3010 Settlers Way Boulevard, and includes county voting precincts 4111
- Location 15: The polling place will be at the Fort Settlement Middle School, 5440 Elkins Road, and includes county voting precincts 4102.
- Location 16: The polling place will be at the Sugar Land City Hall, Lakeview Room, 2700 Town Center Boulevard North, and includes county voting precincts 4110
- Location 17: The polling place will be at the First Colony Conference Center, 3232 Austin Parkway, and includes county voting precincts 4131
- Location 18: The polling place will be at Sartartia Middle School, 8125 Homeward Way, and includes county voting precinct 4135.
- Location 19: The polling place will be at Clements High School, 4200 Elkins Drive, and includes county voting precinct 4119.
- Location 20: The polling place will be at Commonwealth Clubhouse, 4330 Knightsbridge Boulevard, and includes county voting precinct 4129.

**Section 3. Administration of Election.** That Robin Heiman, Interim Elections Administrator of Fort Bend County, Texas, will act as Contracting Officer and will appoint election judges, alternate judges and clerks as described in the Contract for Joint Election Services between County of Fort Bend, Fort Bend Independent School District, City of Sugar Land, and the City of Meadows Place.

**Section 4. Applications for Ballot.** That the Early Voting Clerk will receive applications for a ballot to be voted by mail until the close of business on May 2, 2008. Requests for applications should be mailed to:

Office of Elections Administration  
4520 Reading Road  
Rosenberg, Texas 77471-2133

**Section 5. Early Voting.** That the dates and times for early voting by personal appearance will be as follows, **except insofar as they may be changed by City Council by an amending ordinance should the County of Fort Bend not be a participant in the joint election**, for the locations listed below:

(a) **Schedule for:**

Rosenberg Annex Building - 4520 Reading Road, Rosenberg, TX  
Missouri City Community Center - 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, TX  
Garcia Middle School - 18550 Old Richmond Road, Sugar Land, TX  
Fulshear Precinct 3 Office Building - 8100 FM 359, Fulshear, TX  
Hightower High School – 3333 Hurricane Lane, Missouri City, TX  
Beasley City Hall – 319 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Beasley, TX  
Cinco Ranch Branch Library – 2620 Commercial Center Boulevard, Katy, TX  
Pecan Grove Baptist Church – 1727 FM 359, Richmond, TX

Day	Date	Hours
Monday - Friday	April 28, - May 2, 2008	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	May 3, 2008	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	May 4, 2008	CLOSED
Monday – Tuesday	May 5 – 6, 2008	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(b) **Schedule for:**

Lost Creek Park – 3703 Lost Creek Boulevard, Sugar Land, TX  
Fort Bend Independent School District Administration Building – 16431 Lexington Boulevard, Sugar Land, TX  
Sugar Land City Hall – 2700 Town Center Boulevard. North, Sugar Land, TX  
Meadows Place City Hall – One Troyan Drive, Meadows Place, TX

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(c) **Schedule for:**

Chasewood Clubhouse - 7622 Chasewood Drive, Missouri City, TX  
First Colony Conference Center - 3232 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land, TX  
Old Needville Fire House - 3115 Richmond Street, Needville, TX  
Townewest Town Hall – 10322 Old Towne Lane, Sugar Land, TX  
U of H at Cinco Ranch – 4242 South Mason, Katy, TX

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**Section 6. Notice of Election.** That notice of the election will be given as provided by law.

**Section 7. Voting System.** That voting at the election, including early voting, will be by use of the County electronic voting system that has been duly approved by the Secretary of State.

**Section 8. Canvass.** That the official canvass will be conducted on May 20, 2008.

**Section 9. Runoff Election.** That a runoff election, if needed, will be held on June 21, 2008.

**ADOPTED** on first consideration March 04, 2008, under Article II of the City Charter.

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David G. Wallace, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Glenda Gundermann, City Secretary

Reviewed for Legal Compliance:

